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He spoke, and it seemed that his statue-

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Expanded and glowed as his spirit grew

warm.

His tone so impassioned, so melting his

air,

As, touched with compassion, he ended

his prayer

His hands clasped above him, his blue

orbes upthrown,

Still pleading for sins that were never

his own,

While that mouth where such sweetness

inhabited clung,

Still spoke, though expression had died

on his tongue.

O God! what emotions the speaker

awoke!

A mortal, he seemed—yet a deity spoke:

A man—yet so far from humanity risen,

On earth—yet so closely connected with

heaven!

How oft in my fancy I've pictured him

there,

As he stood in that triumph of passion

and prayer,

With his eyes closed in rapture, their

transient eclipse

Made bright by the smile that illumined

his lips.

There's a charm in delivery, a magical

art,

That thrills like a kiss from the lip to the

heart;

'Tis the glance, the expression, the well

chosen word.

By whose magic the depths of the spirit

are stirred;

The smile, the mute gesture, the soul-

starting pause,

The eye's sweet expression, that melts

while it awes,

The lip's soft persuasion—its musical

tone—

Oh such was the charm of that eloquent

one!

The time is long past yet how clearly de-

fined

That bell, church and village float up on

my mind!

I see amid aude the moon in her pride,

With the sweet little trembler that sat

by her side;

I hear the blue waves, as she wanders

along,

Leap up in their gladness and sing her a

song,

And I tread in the path-way half worn

o'er the sod

By the feet that went up to the worship

of God.

The time is long past, yet what visions I

see!

The past, the dim future, is the present

to me;

I am standing once more mid the heart-

stricken throng;

A vision floats up—'tis the theme of my

song—

All glorious and bright, like a spirit of

air.

The light like a halo encircling his hair;

As I catch the same accents of sweet-

ness and love,

He whispers of Jesus, and points us

above.

How sweet to my heart is the picture I've

traced!

His chain of bright fancies seemed almost

effaced,

'Till memory, the fond one that sits on

the soul,

Took up the frail links, and connected

the whole;

As the dew to the blossom, the bud to

the bee,

As the scent to the rose, are those memo